

## **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

The Joint Select Committee on Capital Trial, Sentencing, and Post Conviction Procedures for Persons Who Suffer Severe Mental Disabilities met January 13, 2009 and January 15, 2009.

### **January 13, 2009**

The committee met January 13, 2009 at 12:30 PM in Room 1027 of the Legislative Building. Senator Kinnaird, Co-chair of the committee welcomed members and called the meeting to order by recognizing Hal Pell to deliver the Charge to Committee.

Senator Kinnaird introduced the first speaker, John Tote, Executive Director of the MHA of NC, followed by a presentation by James Ellis, Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico.

Senator Kinnaird introduced Carl Fox, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of District 15B. Presentations were then given by Dr. George Corbin, a practicing forensic psychiatrist at North Raleigh Psychiatry and Dr. Holly Rogers, a staff psychiatrist at Counseling and Psychological Services for Duke University.

The Committee discussed the issue of dealing with the death penalty for people with severe mental illnesses according to remarks made by the speakers. Senator Kinnaird adjourned the meeting at 3:50 PM.

### **January 15, 2009**

The committee met January 15, 2009 at 2:00 PM in Room 1124 of the Legislative Building. Representative Insko, Co-chair of the committee called the meeting to order and recognized Kris Parks for her work with the Mental Health community.

Representative Insko introduced Kimberly Stevens, Attorney from Winston Salem.

Following the presentation, Representative Insko appointed Dr. Rogers to follow up on additional answers for the committee. Representative Insko adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.